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Instructor is deaf woman of year

By the time Paula Hardy was five years old, she had lost her hearing and couldn't communicate with her friends.

But that didn't stop her playing with them.

"I taught my playmates sign language," she says now through an interpreter.

That kind of determination, displayed throughout her life, has led the Quota International Foundation to name the St. James teaching master International Deaf Woman of the Year.

The charitable group, which is concerned with hearing problems, chose Hardy from among nominees in nine countries around the world. The award is intended to recognize achievement by a deaf woman that will serve as an example to others.

"I didn't really expect to get the award, though I knew I was nominated," she says.

Hardy has dedicated both her professional and personal life to helping others with their disabilities.

She has taught hearing impaired students and sign language in Canada and Jamaica since 1957. Her husband, Jim, is deaf, as have been the four foster children they have raised over the years.



Support Services for the Handicapped Instructor Paula Hardy has been named International Deaf Woman of the Year by the Quota International Foundation.



George Brown Board of Governors' Chairman Bruce Bone, Ontario Hostelry Institute Chairman John Arena, and federal Tourism Minister Thomas McMillan try their hands at sod-turning for the new hospitality building.

Ground broken for new building

Using a baker's bread paddle, federal and provincial cabinet ministers officially broke the ground for the new hospitality building in a ceremony on June 13.

While construction on the Adelaide Street East site won't start immediately, the sod-turning symbolized completion of financing arrangements for the \$11.5-million, four-story building.

The last element — hospitality industry donations totalling \$1.5 million — are now being secured, says President Doug Light.

More than 75 firms contributed to the building, he says.

Grants from the provincial and federal governments, and a contribution from the College complete the building fund.

More than 200 College staff and guests attended the ceremony under a red and

white striped canopy erected on the site across from St. James Campus.

They watched federal Tourism Minister Thomas McMillan and Ontario Skills Development Minister Phil Gillies skim a piece of sod with the wooden paddle.

They also heard words of congratulations and thanks from McMillan, George Brown Board of Governors' Chairman Bruce Bone, Ontario Hostelry Institute Chairman John Arena, Ontario Tourism Minister Claude Bennett, and Ontario Deputy Premier Bette Stephenson, M.D.

"It will be one of the high points in our college system," Dr. Stephenson said of the new facility.

As Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dr. Stephenson was involved with the project from its inception in 1977.



Comment by Doug Light

Looking forward

As you will read in this issue of *City College News*, Electro-Mechanical Chairman Bill Dykstra has been chosen to head a special project to develop computer learning software.

Provincial support for this project comes shortly after Bill's return from a year-long sabbatical in which he researched computer-assisted learning systems.

In fact, his interest in this area started more than a decade ago when he helped develop a computer learning system for the Electronics Department.

If successfully implemented, the new project will not only benefit students and instructors across the province but will enhance George Brown's position as an innovative institution — and Bill's reputation as a leader in his field.

Bill should be commended for the creativity, dedication, and forward thinking he has displayed in pursuing his interest.

The importance of this type of personal entrepreneurship to the long-term health of George Brown as an educational institution was recently endorsed by the Multi-Year Planning Committee and College Council.

Both groups agreed that one of the College's objectives for the 1986/87 year should be to stimulate and promote innovation among staff.

The root of this objective is a feeling of confidence in the capabilities and potential of the people who work at George Brown — confidence that given time and support, staff members will respond with projects that will benefit both George Brown and their professional careers.

When I look forward to the next few years, I see this type of objective as being crucial in enhancing George Brown's reputation as an institution that fosters innovation and new ideas.

Our College objectives, which will be discussed more fully in future issues, form an important benchmark to measure the development of George Brown as an institution. They can also indicate, as in this case, new areas of growth and opportunity.

New Governor a technology graduate

George Brown's newest Governor understands the problems facing both adult learners and women in non-traditional occupations.

Jenny Ono, a 48-year-old mother with two grown children, graduated a year ago from a two-year mechanical engineering program at the College.

She remembers her first-day nervousness on returning to college. "I was absolutely terrified. It was 25 years since I was in school."

Now Ono works as a machine designer at Eneroil Research Ltd., a Concord manufacturer of add-ons to domestic oil furnaces, and is making her presence felt in her male-dominated profession.

After founding a student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) while at George Brown, Ono was the first woman ever elected an executive of the international organization.

Ono was born in London, England, and raised in Montreal and Vancouver. She was awarded a BA in Fine Arts from Bennington College in Vermont, and a MA in teaching from Harvard.

She worked intermittently as a teacher and a technical and medical illustrator while her children were growing up, but a career counsellor steered her in a technical direction several years ago.

"I didn't want to go back to teaching," she says, "I wanted to go into something that would use drawing."

Ono is now using that skill drafting for Eneroil, and has found that her College education and on-the-job experience has "demystified" technology and put her on an even footing with her male colleagues.



Architectural Technology graduate Jenny Ono is the new graduate representative on the College's Board of Governors.

"People have stopped putting me in the 'woman' slot. They come to me because they need an answer," she told a Why Not Technology? Day audience in April.

While serving her three-year term on the Board, Ono is interested in encouraging a close relationship between the College and industry associations, she says.

Ono will be a member of the education committee of the Board.

She replaces grad representative Dianne Fulford on the 12-member Board.

Events

June 21 — Graduation Ceremony for Business and Architectural Technology students in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto, 8 p.m.

June 22 — Graduation Ceremonies for Electro-Mechanical, Graphic Arts, and Hospitality students at 10:00 a.m.; for students in Health Sciences, Community Services, Fashion, and Theatre Arts at 2:30 p.m., in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto.

July 1 — Canada Day — College closed.

July 2 — George Brown's Summer School of Dance session begins with ballet classes for senior, junior and elementary students.

July 12 — Free one-day dance workshop for potential dance students with guest teacher Angela Leigh in the St. James dance studios. Call John Price (ext. 3284) for information.

July 22 — Dorothy Moran of the Fashion Division will demonstrate summer cooking techniques in a workshop for support staff. Casa Loma, Room C505, noon to 1:30 p.m. Learn how to make light and tasty appetizers. Contact Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for details.

August 5 — Civic Holiday — College closed.

August 21 — Learn skin care and day-time make-up techniques in a special workshop for support staff. Kensington Campus, noon to 1:30 p.m. Contact Yvette Jones (ext. 3294) for location and details.

College to develop learning software

George Brown is developing computer learning programs that may be used in colleges and high schools across the province.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has given the College a grant of \$220,000 to develop software that could be used to assign student projects, mark tests, and keep track of academic progress.

Electro-Mechanical Chairman Bill Dykstra has been seconded from his position at St. James to work on the 19-month long project.

Dykstra developed a computer-managed learning system for the Electronics Department in 1974 that has been used ever since. More recently, he was given a sabbatical to research and develop learning software.

Work on the Ministry project will be carried out at the College, and the software will be tested here and at several high schools.

"We will be using Electro-Mechanical students as guinea pigs," says Dykstra.

The proposed software should be able to assign projects and tests, mark them, record student progress, and perform a number of tasks including scheduling.

"The only thing it can't do is mark essay-type questions," Dykstra says.

A computer-managed learning system should free instructors for more individual and group teaching. "The intention is to increase student/teacher contact."

Currently, 250 electronics students are using 16 terminals at St. James to write assignments and tests in their mathematics and electronics courses.

Because modules and "mastery" tests are programmed in the computer — the system uses the College's Honeywell mainframe at Casa Loma — students work at their own pace.

Heater developed

A team of George Brown Energy Conversion students have got themselves into a lot of hot water.

The four students have developed a sophisticated new type of domestic solar water heater that could be commercially made for only about \$1,200.

In a recent test, the heater warmed water to 43 degrees celsius under cloudy skies.

The heater has also won second place standing at a recent solar heating race at the University of Waterloo.



Regent Park students developed community-based organizations as part of their George Brown program. From left is student Martha Gandier, Community Worker Program Co-ordinator Bill Vine, students Elvis Peters, Carl Wilson, Debbie Carter, Liz Scrivner, and Jean Lincoln.

Park students work close to home

Six George Brown students are helping lead a home-grown renaissance in Regent Park.

The six Community Worker students, who are all residents of the Ontario Housing Corporation development at Parliament at Gerrard Streets, have been working in the community of 12,000 for the last two years in a unique co-operative project between the Regent Park Residents Association and the College.

Activities of the group have been geared to addressing the needs of Park tenants, who include large numbers of young people, single parents, various cultural groups, recent immigrants and the unemployed.

Working with the Residents Association, the three men and three women have helped garner support for a new community centre on Sackville Street, developed programs for sole-support mothers and young people, and have worked on cultural festivals, a legal clinic, and a committee studying charges of police harassment.

The students also helped organize the first public walking tour of Regent Park, an effort that they say aims to counteract the negative public image of the development.

The innovative project, initiated by the Association, was made possible by a grant from the Harry A. Newman Foundation and the co-operation of the George Brown Community Services Division, which reduced tuition fees for the students.

Participants in the project were chosen by Association executives after interviewing 46 applicants.

The students say their efforts have not been in vain.

"The level of volunteer commitment is the highest I've ever seen," said student Martha Gandier, a Regent Park resident for six years and a single mother.

"There is a new sense of community," says fellow student Elvis Peters. "People are reaching out to each other more and more."

All six are in the process of completing the two-year Community Worker program, a program that encourages grassroots community development, according to Co-ordinator Bill Vine.

"We're trying to teach students to question — not to accept things."

For years, Regent Park has been a favourite target for social agencies and workers whose plans have had little resident input, Vine said.

"Agencies and workers bring prejudices and values with them."

The Community Worker program has helped teach the Regent Park students to be more confident and assertive in seeking their own solutions to community problems, Vine said.

Now at the end of their college program, the students are looking for ways to continue working in their community. "I'd like to work with the guys who dropped out of school and are doing nothing with their lives," says student Carl Wilson.

The project has also left the students, and the residents' association, with a new sense of achievement and pride.

"The odds were against us and we proved them wrong," says 27-year-old student Liz Scrivner.

Names in the News

Women have come a long way, but they've got a long way to go. This is what **Chaviva Hosek**, President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, told a George Brown-sponsored conference on workplace equality. The work women do is economically undervalued, and having children is seen as "an economic and social disability," she said. Also speaking at the conference were Liberal MP **Sheila Copps**, and Toronto Sun columnist **Christie Blatchford**.

Student Placement Co-ordinator **Paul Hollow** and Support Services for the Handicapped Instructor **Pat House** have been appointed Associate-Directors of the Student Services Department.

Vice-President **Ken MacLennan**, Electro-Mechanical Chairman **George Danac**, and Architectural Technology Chairman **Bob Nicholson** recently returned from a 16-day fact-finding tour of West Germany. They toured technical colleges, universities and industries. "They are facing the same problems we are," said MacLennan.

First-year dance student **Natalie Sabastian** was selected as Miss Guelph in an April beauty pageant. The 20-year-old won a fur coat and the use of a convertible for her year-long reign. "My mother entered me and I didn't know about it until two weeks before the contest," she says. Sabastian will spend her summer acting in a production of *Anne of Green Gables* in Grand Bend before returning to George Brown in the fall.

Retiring from George Brown after 14 years with the Caretaking Department is **Alex Joya**.

Brad Ciccarelli has been appointed Manager of Payroll and Benefits in the Finance and Accounting Department. Ciccarelli has been with the College since 1982 and has worked as Assistant Internal Auditor and Student Administrative Council Accountant. A Business graduate of Niagara College, he is in the process of obtaining a Certified General Accountant's (CGA) designation.



Electro-Mechanical Technician Irving Findlay (centre) met Pope John Paul II on a recent trip to the Vatican with his mother (left). "He's a very soft-spoken man," Findlay said of the Pontiff.

Jewellery Arts teaching master **Akira Ikegami** has been selected by the Ontario Crafts Council to represent Ontario goldsmiths in the Grand Prix des Metiers d'Art in Montreal. He is one of only three artists chosen from Ontario for the exhibition that runs until November, 1985.

Teams of staff members from Graphic Arts, Hospitality and Finance and Accounting won round-robin volleyball competitions at their respective campuses. In all, 24 teams competed in the first annual tournament held May 14-16. Teams from Community Services, Campus Management, and Electronics were defeated in their campus finals.

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Printing instructors **K.K. Puri** and **Frank Williamson** attended a seminar organized by the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation in Chicago in mid-April. The seminar was part of PRINT '85, the largest graphic arts trade show in North America.

Dr. Karen O'Kain of the Staff Development Office at St. James has been elected Chairperson of the Publication Program Advisory Committee of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) for a two-year term. As such, she will join Electro-Mechanical instructor **Geoff Collins** on the ACCC Board of Directors.

The Personnel Office has told us of the following staff changes:

New staff include **Robert Hatton** in caretaking staff at St. James, **Michael Stone** in non-academic systems staff at MacPherson, and **Luigi Tarsitano** has been reinstated to a faculty position in the Architectural Technology Division at Casa Loma.

Transfers include: **Michael Bennett** from Electro-Mechanical faculty at Casa Loma to a counselling position at MacPherson; **Dudley Campbell** from Manager of the Payroll and Benefits Department to be Manager of the Student Awards Department; **Norbert Kuest** transferred from a support position with Student Services at MacPherson to a position with the Finance Department; **John Layton** left a faculty position with the Electro-Mechanical Division at Casa Loma for one with the Academic Division; **Judith Siegel** left a teaching post in the Academic Division at College Street for one with the Ontario Youth Start project at 489 Queen St. E.; **Peter Wan** has left a position with the Architectural Technology Division for one with the Student Services Department; and **William Wincott** left a teaching position with the Architectural Technology Division for one with the Academic Division at Casa Loma.

Susan Cooper of Handicapped Services has changed her name to **Susan Dadsell**, and **Teresa Was** of the Community Services Division at Kensington has changed her name to **Teresa Weatherbee**.

Leaving the College are **Christopher Fyshe**, **Ivana Ignagni**, and **Rita Tassone**.